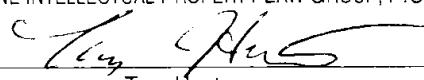


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**AMENDMENT**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 11, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response for three months; and
- 2) Exhibit A: Horvat and Medrano (1995) *Genetics*, 139: 1737-1748.

Please amend the specification and/or claims as shown herein.